

# Announcement and Call for Papers

The Association for "Fachdidaktik" (GFD; [www.fachdidaktik.org](http://www.fachdidaktik.org)) and the University of Vienna are launching a new scholarly, peer-reviewed journal. Submissions are being accepted now. The first issue is going to appear in autumn 2017.

## *Research in Subject-matter Teaching and Learning (RISTAL)*

### Aims and Scope

- *Research in subject-matter Teaching and Learning (RISTAL)* is an international journal that publishes original articles on research in subject-matter education ("Fachdidaktik"), that is, research on the teaching and learning of a particular subject or subject area. *RISTAL* is committed to an interdisciplinary perspective on subject-matter education, related to empirical, theoretical or methodological issues. Its aim is to foster comparative perspectives and a productive exchange of ideas among researchers in subject-matter education around the world.
- The journal focuses on issues related to the teaching and learning of specific subjects in primary, secondary, or tertiary education. On the one hand, the journal specializes in comparative approaches and publishes articles, which describe and analyze differences and similarities among theories, methods and research findings. On the other hand, the journal publishes research reports, theoretical, and methodological treatises developed within one subject matter, if they are discussed in terms of their relevance to other subjects.
- *RISTAL* accepts different research approaches focusing on subject matter topics and their conditions of teaching and learning. This includes quantitative as well as qualitative methods and discussions of theoretical issues. Specific to the journal are those approaches which apply to more than one subject-matter field, e.g. comparative approaches to subject-matter teaching and learning or common research frameworks.
- In spite of the interest in comparative perspectives, *RISTAL* is devoted to the insight that learning is subject- or domain-specific. This is one of the main premises of subject-matter teaching and learning. Thus, although the focus of the journal is to explore broader themes and issues across different subjects and countries, the journal will address the subject-specificity of teaching and learning either from the perspective of a single subject, or from the perspective of two or more subjects. Research articles that focus on a single subject only should also discuss implications for other subjects.

*RISTAL* covers all subjects represented and taught in schools and at institutions of higher education. The articles will be published in English.

### Editorial Board

The journal is sponsored by The Association for Fachdidaktik (GFD), a German umbrella organization which promotes cooperation between researchers in subject didactics, and by the University of Vienna.

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### Frequency/Distribution

*RISTAL* is an open-access journal and available online at [ristal.org](http://ristal.org). Its publication frequency is biannual. Manuscripts submitted to the journal will generally be published within six months of their first submission.

### Peer Review

All research articles in this journal will be double-blind peer-reviewed by at least two reviewers. Submissions shall undergo an initial editorial pre-screening to determine whether or not the manuscript fits the interest of the journal's readership.

### Readership

The journal aims at an international readership interested in a broader view of research on teaching and learning of a particular subject matter. In particular, these are researchers in subject didactics, educators, curriculum planners, policy makers, supervisors of educational programs and high school teachers.

### Call for Papers

Submission of manuscripts is possible now. Submission guidelines may be found at '[Instructions for authors](#)'. The homepage of *RISTAL* is [www.ristal.org](http://www.ristal.org). Submitted manuscripts must be written in the English language.

The deadline for submitting manuscripts for the first volume is March 31, 2017. Publication of the first issue is planned for October 15, 2017. Manuscripts should be submitted by e-mail to [ristal@univie.ac.at](mailto:ristal@univie.ac.at).

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